Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Don Kattke started employment with the South Dakota Department of Labor (DOL) as an Interviewer II on September 28, 1970, and has served in a variety of roles with the Unemployment Insurance (UI) Division. For the past 28 years, Don has served as the State UI Director; and,

Whereas, Don was a U.S. Army combat soldier in Vietnam, prior to his career with state government; and,

Whereas, Don's incredible wealth of knowledge has contributed to the overall success of the DOL. He spent a summer in Poland working with the Polish Ministry to establish an unemployment program; and,

Whereas, Don took a brief doughnut break in the late 1980's, when he and his wife, Kay, owned and operated the Daylight Donut Shop in Aberdeen. He, of course, soon returned to DOL; and,

Whereas, Don has provided outstanding leadership in continuously improving the UI system through modernization efforts, ensuring the State Trust Fund remained solvent, and providing valuable input during Advisory Council meetings. Under Don, the benefits section received two national 1st place awards from the U.S. DOL for timely and proper payments; and,

Whereas, Don will retire on April 7, 2011, after 40 years of service to the citizens of the state of South Dakota. Don's staff and colleagues will honor him at a retirement luncheon in Aberdeen on March 31, 2011; and,

Whereas, Don's expertise, management skills, legislative finesse, calming demeanor, good nature, and smiling face will be greatly missed, but we wish him well as he has more time to enjoy golfing, traveling, and spending time with family:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 7, 2011, as

DON KATTKE DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fourth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Judy A. Larson, Executive Assistant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State